

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN KARL WAITSCHIES**, on March 24, 2003 at 3 P.M., in Room 472 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Karl Waitschies, Chairman (R)
Rep. Sylvia Bookout-Reinicke, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Dave Gallik, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Joe Balyeat (R)
Rep. Bob Bergren (D)
Rep. Ronald Devlin (R)
Rep. George Golie (D)
Rep. Jim Keane (D)
Rep. Bernie Olson (R)
Rep. Allen Rome (R)
Rep. Frank Smith (D)
Rep. Donald Steinbeisser (R)
Rep. Bill Wilson (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Branch
Pati O'Reilly, Committee Secretary

Please Note. These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 295, 3/11/2003
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON SB 295

Sponsor: SENATOR ED BUTCHER, SD 47

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SENATOR BUTCHER introduced SB 295. This bill would allow parents to teach drivers education to home school students.

EXHIBIT(trh62a01)

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Proponents' Testimony:

Steve White, Montana Coalition of Home Educators, supports HB 295.

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EXHIBIT(trh62a02)

Kati Butcher, Student, Winifred Montana, support HB 295

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EXHIBIT(trh62a03)

Raven Songer, Home School Student, support HB 295

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EXHIBIT(trh62a04)

Ryan Songer, Home School Student, support HB 295

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EXHIBIT(trh62a05)

Hannah Meismer Welsh, support HB 295

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Karen Sutton, Bloomfield Parent, support HB 295

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Sharon Scott, Helena Resident, support HB 295

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Max Rebo, Helena, Montana, support HB 295

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Clay Allen, Lewistown, Montana, support HB 295

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Julie Millam, Christian Coalition, support HB 295

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Travis Butcher, Winifred, Montana, support HB 295

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Colt Flickman supports the bill.

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Tina Galerud, Willow Creek Parent supports this bill.

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Heidi Deschmand supports the bill.

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Opponents' Testimony:

Gena Tade, Scobey Montana student, opposed the bill.

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Informational Testimony:

Rich Clinch, Office of Public Instructions, offered to answer any questions for the committee.

EXHIBIT (trh62a06)

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Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

REPS. SMITH, OLSEN, BALLYEAT, BERGREN and WAITSCHIES questioned the witnesses about accidents, insurance rates, parents testing and compliance.

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Closing by Sponsor:

SEN. BUTCHER closed with a summary of the testimony and explained some of the questions asked by the committee.

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{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Counter: 0 - 9.7}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:00 P.M.

REP. KARL WAITSCHIES, Chairman

PATI O'REILLY, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (trh62aad)